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A Happy and Prosperous New Year to Our Readers.

All Des Moines Welcomes the Student Volunteer Conference to Its City

Colored Bank Porters Give Aged Women Christmas Dinner

Movement Headed by Mr. Henry Clay, an Old Resident of the City

The old ladies who are inmates of the protective home were made happy on Christmas day at a dinner given them by the colored porters of the various banks in the city. Mr. Henry Clay, porter at the Mechanics Savings bank, was responsible for the idea. The following men responded to his call and were present at a meeting held at the Mechanics' Savings bank: Henry Wright, Royal Union Insurance Co.; Adam Dixon, Peoples Savings bank; George McCraven, Des Moines Na-

Colored Mechanic Invents World's best Diving Suit

Boston, Mass., Dec. 26.—Charles H. Jackson, a colored mechanic living at 12 Albion street, is the inventor of a diving armor that is expected to revolutionize deep sea diving. One of the first uses to which the invention will be put is endeavoring to salvage \$30,000,000 of gold bullion which was lost when the British liner, *Laurentic*, was sunk off the Irish coast by the Germans. Two divers have already been killed in an effort to get the treasure. John F. Turner, a white diver from Philadelphia, broke the world's record with Jackson's armor, when he descended 300 feet into the sea fifteen miles east of the Graves Light. He says if he does not get the bullion it will not be the fault of Jackson's suit. With other diving armors, a record of 167 feet had been attained. The new suit can stand a pressure of 150 pounds to the square inch.

The new invention is made of brass and necessitates a derrick in order to get into it and weighs 400 pounds. It cannot only withstand great water pressure, but has various appliances to make it more serviceable than other diving armors. Diver Turner says "it's the most perfect thing of its kind ever invented." Jackson got his idea after being badly injured by a compressed air explosion in the new subway. He sustained two broken ribs and several workmen were killed. The inventor is employed as a mechanic by W. J. Thomas, president and general manager of the Atlantic Machine Screw company. His employer financed the invention.

LOS ANGELES HAS COLORED ICE CREAM COMPANY

The Chicago Ice Cream company which was recently purchased by a body of Negro business men, and incorporated into a stock company capitalized at \$10,000 will throw open its doors to the general public on next Monday evening, December 15, at its new location 1809 Central avenue. Each and everyone is invited to inspect same and accept the hospitality of the firm in this new movement to place the race in possession of its own manufacturing enterprises. The old site will be given over entirely to strictly manufacturing, and the above address will be its downtown office and store. All orders for ice cream deliveries will be received, either by phone or call, after next Monday at its downtown address. At a later date, a grand official opening will be held at which a meritorious program will be carried out befitting the movement. Join in the crowd on next Monday night.—The Eagle.

OLDEST NEGRO FRATERNITY TO MEET DEC. 27 TO 31

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 10.—The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, oldest organization in existence and the only international collegiate institution of colored men in the world is completing its plans that it has ever held. This gathering will be its twelfth annual assemblage and will take place in the city of Chicago under the auspices of Theta chapter, two sessions being held daily from Dec. 27th to 31st, inclusive. The evening during the convention will be given over to entertainments, informal and formal receptions and an annual banquet.

About fifty regularly accredited delegates will be in attendance representing chapters located at the largest and most famous universities of the country such as Yale, Cornell, Howard, Lincoln, Michigan and Atlanta. In addition there will be visiting delegates from all

Des Moines in the last few years, has been exceedingly busy in securing in her behalf, some of the world's leading events, including musicals, conventions, etc. The greatest event of which Des Moines can boast, will be the student's convention which will meet from Dec. 31 to Jan. 4. This convention is a new world wide movement, which all parts of the world (including 250 to 300 colored representatives) Des Moines come and during their short stay will make their visit as pleasant as possible.

The Bystander, Iowa's leading newspaper and the big family paper of Des Moines, will be glad to be of any service whatever to these delegates. Our office is located at Seventh and Mulberry streets in the heart of the business district. Drop in and rest while downtown or use our telephone service.

The Bystander, which is Iowa's interesting family paper, also contributed to the affair.

MRS. LAURENCE C. JONES ENDS SUCCESSFUL IOWA TOUR

Burlington, Iowa, Dec. 25.—Mrs. Grace Allen Jones, once known as "the Sunday school girl of Iowa," because of her active Sunday school work, and now known as "The Sunshine Lady of the Piney Woods," has just closed a successful campaign in the interest of the Piney Woods school at Clinton, Iowa.

After visiting an aunt in Indianapolis, she will join Prof. Jones in Chicago and return to Piney Woods in time to bring a Christmas message to the boys and girls.

After opening up school in October, Prof. Jones returned north and has been in Illinois calling upon friends of the work.

Piney Woods is enjoying the most prosperous year in its history and its wealthy friends have already started a fifty thousand dollar drive for a main building from which all activities will radiate.

over the world that will bring the attendance over the 100 mark and possibly over 200.

A general call has been issued from the secretary's headquarters at Washington, D. C., to Alpha Phi Alpha men everywhere to make a special effort to attend this convention, particularly because the deliberations involved will be along the lines of reconstruction and will entail decisions of a very momentous nature bearing upon fraternity activities. The Wabash Branch Y. M. C. A., 3763 Wabash avenue has been selected as temporary headquarters for the convention.

The business sessions of the convention will be under the leadership of the following general officers: Daniel D. Fowler, Cleveland, general president; Lucius Lee McGhee, secretary; S. S. Booder, treasurer, and Carl J. Murphy, editor of the *Spjnz*, both Baltimore.

The large open meeting to which the public is invited, will be held on the afternoon of Sunday, Dec. 28 at the Wendell Phillips High school auditorium. The principal speaker will be the Hon. Emmett J. Scott, former special assistant to the secretary of war. His subject will be "The Advent of the Negro Into Big Business." The National Negro Business league will be guests of honor.

JIM CROWED AFTER DEATH. Hearse Refused to Colored Woman in Oklahoma.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 70 Fifth avenue, New York, today made public the following extracts from a letter showing that discrimination against colored people does not end with death. "Sunday, Nov. 16 I attended a funeral at Vinita, Okla. The undertaker would not hire his hearse to the lady as they do not allow colored people to use the same hearse that white people ride in. The one they have been using for colored people has worn out, therefore she sent to Chetopa, Kan., and hired one."

CONTEST LIMIT EXTENDED.

By special request of several of the contestants and people who contemplate entering the great subscription contest, we are extending it over Christmas to close Easter. From the enthusiastic letters, somebody is going to go shopping in that auto, somebody is going to attend the federation or grand lodge wearing a beautiful diamond ring. And no doubt somebody will get that we all go to on Sunday afternoon those rich furs to "the church room."

Street Branch Y. M. C. A. and will be attended by the Sunday school superintendents and teachers and other religious workers of all the Negro churches of the city over a hundred of whom have already enrolled and a number of others are expected to enroll at the opening session on Monday night. The sessions will be from 7:30 to 9:30 on Monday evening of each week and will continue for six weeks.

Among those who will compose the faculty of instruction are Supt. Z. C. Thornburg of the city board of education, Judge Huber Utterback of the District court, Rev. Dr. Howland Hanson of the First Baptist church, Rev. Dr. Kirby of Plymouth church, Attorney S. Joe Brown, Dr. W. H. Lowry, Attorney Gertrude E. Bush, Secretary E. C. Robinson of the Y. M. C. A., Secretary Virginia Robinson of the Y. W. C. A. and the pastors of all the Negro churches in the city.

A complete schedule of the work will appear in next issue of this paper.

CROCKER STREET 'Y' TO OPEN RELIGIOUS INSTITUTE

Monday evening, Jan. 5 at 7:30 at the Union Congregational church, West Tenth and Park streets, will be opened the first city wide religious workers' institute ever held in the city for colored people.

The institute has been planned and will be under the direction of Mr. E. C. Robinson, secretary of the Crocker

Challenge Resolutions of South Carolina American Legion

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People through its chairman, Mary White Ovington, has issued a statement challenging a resolution of the American Legion of South Carolina which stated that the association's activities would tend to cause friction between the races.

The statement, which asserts that colored soldiers from South Carolina outnumbered white and that the percentage of illiteracy among the colored troops was less than among the white, is as follows:

I am at a loss to understand your position regarding the work of a body that lays special stress upon securing due process of law rather than mob violence for Negroes whether they live in the north or the south. Our branches,

for whatever states they may operate, voice the sentiment of the educated, law-abiding Negroes who have so recently helped America to achieve victory in the great war. We note, however, that your resolution condemning our activities is from "the American legion of South Carolina representing the white soldier who fought in the recent great war."

We feel that we are right in considering also the opinion of the colored soldiers of South Carolina, who outnumbered the white, particularly in view of the fact that among the colored there was less illiteracy than among their white comrades at arms. Very truly yours,
(Signed) Mary White Ovington,
Chairman.

"Alma Mater."

The phrase "alma mater," as applied to colleges and universities, is said to have originated in the University of Bonn, Germany. A statue of the Mother of Christ—the alma mater, or beloved mother, stands over the doorway of that famous seat of learning. From it the phrase received its origin.

Political Delegates To be Demanded

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—Information received here at the nation's capital indicates that colored voters in various northern states will ask for a voting representation, as delegates in the next republican national convention. Colored voters in Maryland, it is said, will ask for one or two, according to reports reaching here, and in Chicago, they, the colored voters, have already decided on supporting Attorney Ed Wright for dis-

trict delegate. Ohio, too, which has never had a voting representation in a republican national convention, is expected to ask for at least one district delegate and one delegate-at-large, according to political dope here. This rumored demand on the part of northern colored voters, who heretofore have had to be satisfied with a voteless alternate, as confounding the plans of white politicians and presidential candidates. If northern colored men are successful in securing an equitable number of delegates to the republican national convention, it is anticipated, with the number of colored delegates sure to be sent from southern states that the next republican national convention will have the largest colored delegate representation ever known.

Clarence Cameron White

Celebrated Violinist

(Mr. Malcom Griffith, Accompanist)

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St. Paul's A. M. E. Church

TICKETS 50 CENTS

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Former President's Son Agrees to go on Howard Univ. Trustees Board

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—Dr. Emmett J. Scott, secretary-treasurer of Howard university, announces that Col. Theodore Roosevelt, son of the former president of the United States, has accepted the suggestion of Dr. J. Sataley Durkee, president of Howard university, that his name be proposed for election as a member of the Howard university board of trustees at the meeting of the board to be held in February.

President Roosevelt, in speaking of Howard university some years ago, said, "it is from this institution that are graduated those who will lead and teach their less fortunate fellows. Upon their leading and teaching much depends for their race and their coun-

try. I have a peculiar interest in Howard university because of having seen the effects of their work close at hand."

The former president's son has something of the same "peculiar interest in Howard university," and is planning to co-operate in every way possible with the great reconstruction and reorganization program of the university, which has assumed a new leadership and has attained, as has been aptly said, a new conception of her mission, through aiming practically and deliberately at meeting the national demand in race leadership, and thus fulfilling her proper duty and mission as the national institution for the higher and professional education of colored youth.

ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY SAVE SERGEANT CALDWELL

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 19.—A. Mitchell Palmer, attorney general of the United States, is expected to take a personal hand in the movement before the United States Supreme court to take Edgar Caldwell, soldier of Camp McClellan, condemned to death for the murder of an Annonis street car motor-man, from the jurisdiction of the war department for court-martial. It became known Saturday that Attorney General Palmer became interested in the case while it was before the Alabama Supreme court and that he led a brief insisting that Caldwell had not been given a fair trial and that the war department only surrendered him with the understanding that he was to be tried fairly by the civil court. Attorney General Palmer's efforts availed nothing. The Supreme court of Alabama affirmed the case and he was sentenced to hang Dec. 5. The granting of the writ of probably cause by Judge W. I. Grubb of Birmingham, carried the case to the United States Supreme court and automatically postponed the execution. The war department has said nothing, but it is believed at the proper time it will make a formal demand for the return of Caldwell to the jurisdiction of the war department. Attorneys for Caldwell contend that the war department can take a soldier from the civil authorities even though it surrender him from the jurisdiction of state.

Chicagoans and a national organization are supposed to be putting up the money for Caldwell's fight. Caldwell lived in Chicago when he entered the army. J. Q. Smith, attorney general, will leave Sunday morning for Washington, where he will defend the state's jurisdiction. Another representative of Alabama will be Neil P. Sterne of Anniston who assisted in the prosecution of Caldwell. No greater interest has been shown in any case in recent years. Last summer when it was thought Caldwell would be hanged, President Wilson wired Governor Kilby requesting postponement of the execution.

MORE NEGRO DEPUTY SHERIFFS APPOINTED

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—R. W. Kent of the Kent Auto Delivery company and Henry Burke, were appointed deputy sheriffs by Hon. George P. Weinbrenner, present sheriff of this city. This makes four Negroes that have been appointed by Mr. Weinbrenner, he having appointed two when he entered office three years ago. R. W. Kent and Henry Burke were appointed deputy sheriffs Dec. 1.

NEW FILM OUT SOON.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Oscar Mischauex's wonderful new picture, "Within Our Gates," which will undoubtedly rival any paramount picture ever produced is now before the Chicago board of censors.

Mr. Mischauex is the producer of "The Homesteader" an unusual picture which developed nationwide popularity. The new picture deals with the present unrest of the races in America, showing things as they exist, and suggests a remedy. A beautiful romance is carried throughout the picture.

DISCHARGE GIRLS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—Woodward and Lathrop, Palais Royal, Hahn, Kann, Garfinkle and Goldberg, all large department stores here have discharged all colored girls taken on to meet the war rush. Reason was given that \$16.50 per week was too high a wage, and white people found themselves unable to employ domestics.

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DUDDLEY FIELD MALONE SPEAKS "THE AMERICAN CONGO" TO BE DESCRIBED

A massmeeting to rouse public sentiment to the wrongs suffered by the American Negro will be held on the evening of January 5 in Cooper Union on the occasion of the annual meeting in New York City of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, it was announced today at the headquarters, 70 Fifth avenue. Dudley Field Malone, former collector of the Port of New York is to be the chief speaker.

Dr. W. E. Du Bois has announced as his subject "The American Congo," a description of conditions in the south rivaling the horrors of the Belgian Congo.

The other speakers announced for the meeting are John Haynes Holmes and M. H. Gassaway, who was threatened with assassination in Anderson, South Carolina, because of his connection with the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The evening massmeeting is to be preceded by a business meeting at 2 p. m. at the Sage foundation building.

Baltimore Segregation Law is turned down

City Ordinances to Restrict Privileges of Colored People Declared Unconstitutional.

(By Frank J. Brown in Pittsburg Courier.)

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 19.—The race people of Baltimore have made such rapid strides in the way of accumulating property—valuable property—that the whites have become afraid that their "sacred" residential section will be invaded, in order to stop the Negroes in their quest for land and to keep them out of the exclusive residential section of the whites, a city segregation law was drawn up, which would have had it not justly been declared unconstitutional, conned our people to the undesirable parts of the city, where the environment for the rearing of children would be anything but pleasant.

Since they failed to segregate the people by law, a neighborhood segregation provision, taking in more than 300 residents of Baltimore's finest residential section, has been framed and the instrument in the nature of an agreement has been filed at the record's office.

The area taken in a large section of the northwest and is one that has been threatened by Negro invasions since the city segregation law was declared void. The agreement with the owner's guarantee against the "sale of the properties in the prescribed district to people of African descent."

The agreement, which will be followed by similar pacts in other localities, is hoped by the whites to be effective, but in order to counteract this, the colored business men of Baltimore have organized themselves into a real estate company whose sole purpose is to purchase residences in this so-called "heaven." If through no other means than disinterested white men who will present themselves as the purchaser for this colored real estate concern, who would, in turn, offer them at the disposal of law-abiding race people.